



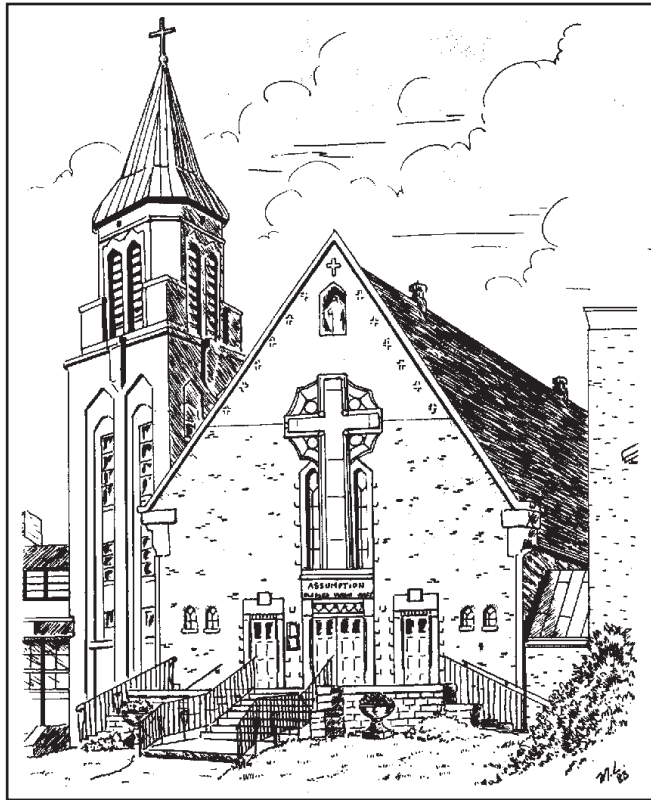
# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish



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## OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

(March 10, 1994)

*"We endeavour to build for this community a viable Christian Family that all will consider home."*

### MASS SCHEDULE:

#### WEEKENDS

Saturday: 9:00 am and 4:00 pm (anticipated Mass)

Sundays: 9:30 am, 12:00 pm (Filipino Mass), 7:00 pm

#### WEEKDAYS

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am

### DEVOTIONS

Rosary 30 minutes before weekday Masses

Community Public Rosary – Every First Saturday of the month, after the 9:00 am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration – Every Friday at 6:00 pm

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Every Wednesday after the 8:00 am Mass

## PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor:	Rev. Fr. Francis Victor Mateo, OFM Conv.
Deacons:	Rev. Paul Beaudoin Rev. Ricardo Santiago
Pastoral Council Chair:	Dr. Alfredo Formoso
Temporal Council Chair:	Art Guillermo
Administrative Assistant:	Nora Arriola
Resident Friars:	Rev. Fr. Maurice Richard, OFM Conv. Rev. Fr. Jeremiah Arguelles, OFM Conv.

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## PASTORAL CARE

**BAPTISMS** - If you are a registered parishioner of Assumption Parish (or another parish) and attend Mass regularly, there is no waiting period. You may call the Parish Office to schedule a date and you must attend a Baptism preparation session prior to the baptism. If you belong to another parish, a letter of permission from your Pastor is required. If you are not a parishioner of any parish, you must register, attend Mass regularly, and there is a three-month waiting period before your child can be baptized.

**CONFESSIONS** - First Friday-(during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament), 8:30 am to 9:00 am; First Saturday – 9:30 am to 10:00 am By appointment only; Sundays – 11:30 am to 12:00 Noon, By appointment only.

**MARRIAGES** - One of the couple must be a registered member of the parish for at least 6 months and attend Mass here regularly. Please make arrangements at least six months before the wedding date. Marriage Preparation Course required.

**SPIRITUAL COUNSELING** - By appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK & COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS -

Anyone who wishes to receive Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion please call the office to have your name put on the list.

**FUNERALS** - Arrangements should be made firstly with the church, and then with the funeral director to insure proper Christian burial.

WELCOME to the new MEMBERS and all VISITORS to our PARISH. Please visit our website <https://www.assumptionparishottawa.ca>

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Let us pray for good health and well-being of Charles Stanton, Claude Cloutier, Cora Guillermo, Diane Dunn, Glenda Hadloc, Lucienne Sabourin, Ryan Kane, Ben Malicdem, Lina Groulx.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** In the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall only *three* (3) intentions at each Mass are allowed. So please contact the parish office to reserve your preferred dates (*at least a week before*). Requests will be handled on a *your understanding and cooperation*.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION**  
**August 2023**  
FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

**SCHEDULE of LECTORS and EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION**

**September 2** at 4:00PM – Manny Beloy and Yola Beloy with Manny Beloy; **September 3** at 9:30AM – Lori Scott and John Anethua with Lynn Obero; 12:00 PM – Noly Formoso and Melchor Tejero with Novie Ramos; 7:00PM – Nick and Nieves Murillo with Yola Beloy

**RCIA PROGRAM:** Do you know of any non-Catholic who wish to be admitted to our Catholic faith? Our 8-month RCIA program covers the basic teachings of our faith in a weekly session that starts the middle of September. For more information and to register, please contact the parish office by email or phone; or Nick Murillo at Tel. 613-858-3106.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

August 26 – **Votive Mass in Honor of Our Lady's Saturday** (white) 9:00AM – Olive Bell Lloyd (birthday) *by Nena Coronel*; 4:00PM – **SUNDAY LITURGY** – Thanksgiving, Emilyn Suficiencia (birthday); Edelaine Piol (health & well-being) *by Gloria and Edgar Piol*; †Juliana & Francisco dela Cuesta *by Manny & Yola Beloy*.

August 27 – **21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (green) 9:30 AM – Christina Jacobs (birthday) *by Susan & Orlando Teodoro*; Thanksgiving for wedding Anniversary of Stacey & Sophia Provost; †Yves Provost *by Stacey & Sophia Provost*; †Betty Barrett *by Frank Barrett*; †Brown & Beaudoin Families *by Deacon Paul & Linda Beaudoin*; 12:00 NN – Thanksgiving by The Belda Family; Edelaine Piol (well-being) *by Gloria & Edgar Piol*; 7:00PM – Pro Populo

August 28 – **Memorial St. Augustine** (white), Monday 8AM – †Reynaldo Arriola *by Danny & Nora Arriola*

August 29 – **Memorial the Passion of St. John the Baptist** (red) Tuesday 8AM – †Joan (Connolly) Ross *By Shawn Moher & Family*

August 30 – **Votive Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help** (white), Wednesday 8AM Wednesday 8AM – Rose Guerrero (health) *by Nena Coronel*; †The Family, Friends & Neighbors of Marguerite Catherine Backes & Alfred Backes

August 31 – **Ferial Day** (green), Thursday 8AM – †Frances Connelly; †Rita Kimberley

September 1 – **Ferial Day** (green), Friday 8AM – †Basil St. Pierre; †Michael & Suzanne Backes

**WEEK ENDING COLLECTION REPORT**  
**August 19 & 20, 2023 - \$2,040.**

**ATTENTION: On September 8, 2023, the regular Mass at 8:00 AM is cancelled. INSTEAD, Mass at 6:00 PM – Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**MESSAGE POPE FRANCIS for the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. (PART 1)**

*Dear brothers and sisters!*

“**Let Justice and Peace Flow**” is the theme of this year’s ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: “Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream” (5:24).

The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God’s children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival. This justice must flow forth wherever it is needed, neither remaining hidden deep beneath the ground nor vanishing like water that evaporates before it can bring sustenance. God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish. When we “*seek first the kingdom of God*” (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity, and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.

**On a beautiful summer day in July 2022, during my pilgrimage to Canada,** I reflected on this on the shores of Lac Ste. Anne in Alberta. That lake has been a place of pilgrimage for many generations of indigenous people. Surrounded by the beating of drums, I thought: “*How many hearts have come here with anxious longing, weighed down by life’s burdens, and found by these waters consolation and strength to carry on! Here, immersed in creation, we can also sense another beating: the maternal heartbeat of the earth. Just as the hearts of babies in the womb beat in harmony with those of their mothers, so in order to grow as people, we need to harmonize our own rhythms of life with those of creation, which gives us life*” (Homily at Lac Ste. Anne, Canada, 26 July 2022).

During this Season of Creation, let us dwell on those heartbeats: our own and those of our

mothers and grandmothers, the heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God. Today they do not beat in harmony; they are not harmonized in justice and peace. Too many of our brothers and sisters are prevented from drinking from that mighty river. Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation.

The effects of this war can be seen in the many rivers that are drying up. Benedict XVI once observed that: “*the external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast*” Consumerist greed, fueled by selfish hearts, is disrupting the planet’s water cycle. The unrestrained burning of fossil fuels and the destruction of forests are pushing temperatures higher and leading to massive droughts. Alarming water shortages increasingly affect both small rural communities and large metropolises. Moreover, predatory industries are depleting and polluting our freshwater sources through extreme practices such as fracking for oil and gas extraction, unchecked mega-mining projects, and intensive animal farming. “Sister Water”, in the words of Saint Francis of Assisi, is pillaged and turned into “*a commodity subject to the laws of the market*” (*Laudato Si*, 30).

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has stated that acting now with greater urgency means that we will not miss our chance to create a more sustainable and just world. We can and we must prevent the worst from happening. “*Truly, much can be done*” provided we come together like so many streams, brooks, and rivulets, merging finally in a mighty river to irrigate the life of our marvelous planet and our human family for generations to come. So let us join hands and take bold steps to “*Let Justice and Peace Flow*” throughout our world. **How can we contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation? What can we, particularly as Christian communities, do to heal our common home so that it can once again teem with life?** We must do this by resolving to transform our *hearts*, our *lifestyles*, and the *public policies* ruling our societies.





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